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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1731

Attorney Docket No. 5689-266

PATENT

In re: Hippolit Gstrein et al;
 Serial No.: 09/933,026
 Filed: 20 August 2001
 For: PAPERMAKER'S FELT

Group Art Unit: 1731

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- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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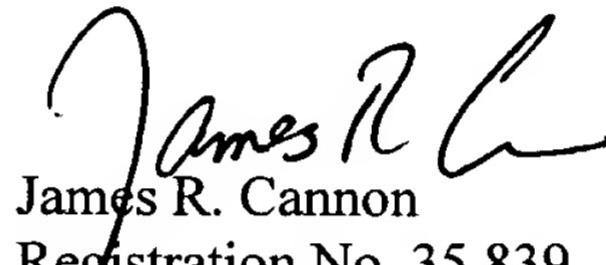
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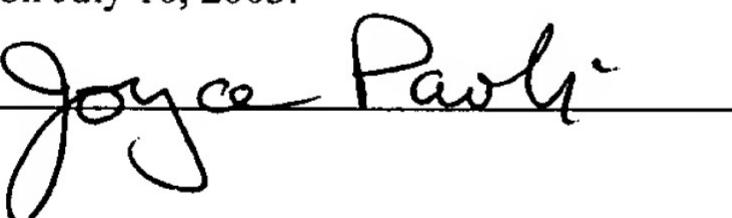


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application pursuant to the New Revised Format provisions as provided by the Official Gazette dated February 25, 2003.